Docket No.: 50432-293 **PATENT** 

### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Cyrus E. TABERY, et al.

Serial No.: 10/021,782

Filed: December 18, 2001

Group Art Unit: 2812

Examiner: S.D. Isaac

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HAR -3 2003 TC 2830 FAIL ROOM THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS Washington, DC 20231 Dear Sir: Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above identified application. No additional fee is required. Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27 Also attached:

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	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	14	20	0	\$18.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	3	3	0	\$84.00 =	\$0.00
		Multiple claims nev	Multiple claims newly presented		
		Fee for extension of time			\$0.00
					\$0.00
			Total of Above Calculations		

Please charge my Deposit Account No. 500417 in the amount of \$0.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500417, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Box Non-Fee Amendment The Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The following Remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 11, 2002.

## REMARKS

At the time of the Office Action dated December 11, 2002, claims 1-14 were pending and rejected in this application.

# Claims 1, 3-4, 8-12 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 for lack of novelty as evidenced by Yamazaki et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,242,292 (hereinafter Yamazaki)

In the second enumerated paragraph of the Office Action, the Examiner asserted that Yamazaki discloses a method of manufacturing a semiconductor device corresponding to that claimed. This rejection is respectfully traversed.